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SUBJ: ANNIVERSARY OF CHOU'S PASSING: APPEAL TO HUA TO "REMAIN
FIRM," DISTURBANCE AT CHUNGNANHAI ENTRANCE, DEMAND THAT
PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN BE TRANSFERRED

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1. SITUATION AT 1000 HOURS JANUARY 10 LOCAL.

2. POSTER REFERRING TO CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG
IN AMBIGUOUS TERMS APPEARED ON THE WOODEN FENCE SURROUNDING
THE MAO MAUSOLEUM WORK SITE IN THE EARLY MORNING OF
JANUARY 10. THE AUTHOR OF THE POSTER DEMANDED THAT HUA
SHOULD ADOPT A "FIRM STAND" BECAUSE ELEMENTS IN THE PRC
LEADERSHIP WERE RESISTING THE POLICIES AND FOOTDRAFFING
ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.
THESE ELEMENTS CONTINUED TO ENJOY PRIVILEGES BESTOWED
ON THEM BY THE GANG OF FOUR.

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3. IN A POSSIBLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A CROWD OF
SOME 100 PERSONS MARCHED UP TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE
CHUNGNANHAI LEADERSHIP COMPLEX AT 2020 HOURS
JANUARY 9. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MEMORY, THE GATE
TO CHUNGNANHAI WAS CLOSED FOR SOME TEN MINUTES.
A JAPANESE NEWSMAN DRIVING BY AT THAT TIME SURMISED

THAT THE CROWD INTENDED TO PRESENT SOME SORT OF PETITION DIRECTLY TO CHAIRMAN HUA (PRESUMED TO LIVE IN THE CHUNGNANHAI COMPLEX). WHATEVER THE CASE, TRAFFIC WAS NOT PERMITTED TO PASS THROUGH TIENANMEN SQUARE ALONG

CHANG AN STREET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

4. USLO OFFICER AT TIENANMEN SQUARE IN EARLY EVENING WITNESSED ANOTHER EPISODE INDICATIVE OF SOME TENSION IN CROWD. ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS FORCED TO STAND UP ON PLATFORM AND SPEAK TO LARGE GROUP BELOW WHILE THEY SHOUTED AT HIM.

5. BY 2200 A FEW THOUSAND PERSONS REMAINED AT TIENANMEN SQUARE READING AND COPYING DOWN POSTERS, BUT BULK OF CROWD WAS BEGINNING TO DISPERSE FOR HOME. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES.

6. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE SEEN AFP, REUTER AND OTHER PRESS REPORTS ON APPEARANCE LAST EVENING OF 6-POINT POSTER SIGNED BY "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" (MIN SHENG-- ONE OF THE MORE PROLIFIC AUTHORS OF TIENANMEN POSTERS) DEMANDING THAT TENG BE RESTORED TO HIS POSITIONS AND THAT WU TEH AND PEKING MR COMMANDER CHEN HSI-LIEN BE TRANSFERRED FROM PEKING OWING TO THEIR LINKS WITH THE GANG OF FOUR. A SINGLE LINE IN A SOLITARY POSTER SCARCELY CONSTITUTES OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF MASS DISSATISFACTION WITH CHEN, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM IS CREDIBLE: THAT HE ISSUED "CRUEL ORDERS" TO TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND TO DISPERSE THE APRIL 1976 DEMONSTRATORS. THUS CHEN IS LINKED FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE "HENCHMEN" OF THE GANG OF FOUR WHO MUST BE REMOVED TO APPEASE THE ANGER OF THE "HEROES" AND MARTYRS" OF THE APRIL 5 MOVEMENT.

7. THE JANUARY 10 MEDIA HAVE STILL FAILED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE POSTER ACTIVITY OR TO INDICATE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

8. POSTERS AND COMPOSITIONS CONTINUED TO BLOSSOM FORTH ON THE WOODEN FENCE, FILLING ALL AVAILABLE SPACE ON THE PORTION FACING THE FORBIDDEN CITY AND TURNING THE CORNER AT BOTH THE EAST AND WEST ENDS. GATES

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